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WITH MOZAMBIQUE

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1. FOLLOWING IS UP-DATED CHRONOLOGY OF BRITISH EFFORTS TO
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ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH MOZAMBIUE AS TOLD BY

BRITISH CONSUL GENERAL DUNCAN AND CONSUL FREE-GORE:

(A) DURING JUDITH HART-SAMORA MACHEL MAY MEETING IN DAR ES SALAAM, MACHEL AGREED VERBALLY THAT MOZAMBIQUE AND UK WOULD ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ON JUNE 25.

(B) ALTHOUGH FLURRY OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WERE BEING ISSUED FROM DAR ES SALAAM, BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE TOOK POSITION THAT JOINT UK-FRELIMO COMMUNIQUE WAS NOT NECESSARY BECAUSE FRELIMO WAS NOT FORMALISTIC AND WOULD PREFER SOME PRACTICAL INDICATION OF INTENT TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. IT WAS THEREFORE DECIDED TO SEND THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE LEWEN WITH UK MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS ENNALS TO INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES SO THAT FORMER COULD PRESENT CREDENTIALS SOON THEREAFTER. SINCE THERE WERE SOME 20 AMBASSADORS IN QUEUE TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS, BRITISH DECIDED TO CONCENTRATE EFFORTS ON OBTAINING AGREEMENT PRIOR TO SCHEDULED DEPARTURE OF LEWEN.

(C) AFTER CONSIDERABLE EFFORT, ENNALS FINALLY MANAGED TO MEET WITH MARCELINO DOS SANTOS AND DELIVERED LETTER FROM FOREIGN MINISTER CALLAGHAN REQUESTING AGREEMENT FOR LEWEN UNDER COVER OF ANOTHER LETTER SIGNED BY ENNALS HIMSELF. MARCELINO DOS SANTOS WAS NON-COMMITTAL. WHEN TOLD DUNCAN WOULD REMAIN AS CHARGE, DOS SANTOS ASKED: "YOU HAVE CLOSED YOUR CONSULATE, HAVEN'T YOU?"

(D) DUNCAN SAW MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CHISSANO ON JULY 4. DURING MEETING, IT BECAME CLEAR THAT FRELIMO IS ADOPTING A VERY FORMALISTIC APPROACH TO ESTABLISHMENT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS (CONTRARY TO INITIAL IMPRESSION OF BRITISH). ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT SAY SO EXPLICITLY, DUNCAN RECEIVED IMPRESSION THAT FRELIMO WOULD HAVE PREFERRED PUBLIC UK-FRELIMO COMMUNIQUE PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE ON ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. CHISSANO SPECIFICALLY SAID THAT FORMAL EXCHANGE OF NOTES AGREEING TO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WAS NOW NECESSARY BEFORE THERE COULD BE ANY CONSIDERATION OF BRITISH REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT ORIGINAL SIGNED NOTE FROM UK GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM MINISTER IN UK -- NOT COPY TRANSMITTED BY CONFIDENTIAL

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NOW STATUSLESS EX-CONSUL GENERAL DUNCAN. HE IMPLIED THAT ONCE UK NOTE RECEIVED THERE WOULD BE LITTLE DELAY IN REPLY FROM PRM AGREEING TO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. AFTER THIS FORMALITY COMPLETED, REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT COULD BE CONSIDERED. IF AGREEMENT GRANTED, THEN PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS WOULD NORMALLY FOLLOW WHEN NUMBER OF AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATES ACCUMULATED. CHISSANO INDICATED THAT, SINCE THERE WERE NO OTHER AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATES FROM THE WEST ON "THE HORIZON" AT THE MOMENT

PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS BY ONLY THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR-
DESIGNATE COULD PERHAPS BE ARRANGED AT EARLY DATE.
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